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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, APRIL 23, 2001

APPLICATION OF

COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUE010241

For an Annual Informational Filing

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION

On April 19, 2001, Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. ("Columbia" or "the Company") filed a motion to extend the time in which it may file its Annual Informational Filing ("AIF") for the twelve months ending December 31, 2000, and its Annual Report for Affiliate Transaction for 2000 ("Annual Report"). Columbia requests an extension of time in which to make these filings from May 1, 2001, to June 1, 2001.

In support of its Motion, Columbia observes that it must file its 2000 AIF by May 1, 2001, pursuant to the Commission's Rate Case Rules, as revised in Case No. PUA990054. The Company states that the Commission's Order Granting Approval of an affiliate arrangement in Case No. PUA970014 requires the Company to file an Annual Report of Affiliate Transactions with the Commission's Director of Public Utility Accounting by May 1 of each year.

Columbia further states that the Commission approved the merger of NiSource Inc. and Columbia Energy Group in its July 14, 2000 Final Order entered in Case No. PUA000024. This merger became effective on November 1, 2000. The Company asserts that its 2000 AIF and Annual Report are the first such filings since the merger became effective. It contends that it needs additional time to determine how to treat various merger-related adjustments in connection with its AIF and the Annual Report. Counsel for the Company represented that it was authorized to state that the Staff has no objection to the extension of time requested in its Motion.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of the Company's request, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that this matter should be docketed; that the Company has demonstrated good cause for its request; and that Columbia should be permitted to file its AIF for the twelve months ending December 31, 2000, and its Annual Report for Affiliate Transactions for 2000, by no later than June 1, 2001. We further find that this docket should remain open to receive Columbia's AIF when it is filed.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter should be docketed and assigned Case No. PUE010241.

(2) Columbia shall file its AIF for the twelve months ending December 31, 2000, with the Clerk of the Commission on or before June 1, 2001.

(3) Columbia shall file with the Director of the Commission's Division of Public Utility Accounting on or before June 1, 2001, its Annual Report for Affiliate Transactions for 2000. This filing shall be filed as part of Case No. PUA970014, and after this year, shall resume being filed by May 1 of each succeeding year.

(4) This docket shall remain open to receive Columbia's AIF and accompanying documents.